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*Above, Student Recreation and Wellness Center administrative assistant Karla Galvan passes out "It Starts With You" towels to students at the SRWC on Monday as part of the USU Referendum campaign.*




# OUR VIEW

**OPINION:** We hope the university will postpone the vote until such time that our student government can inform us of the tangible impact that our votes would produce.

$99 million could be raised if students vote "yes" on Wednesday and Thursday during the University Student Union Referendum.

Associated Students Inc. is not administering the USU Referendum; technically, it is a special university election that will be facilitated by the university at the request of ASI, Assistant Dean of Students Dr. Jean Caveness said. That in mind, we request that the university put a hold on the upcoming, and long-awaited, referendum until students are provided with answers to the basic questions that any real-world ballot measure would offer voters.

**Once revenue begins trickling in from the pockets of the CSULB student body, what specific projects would that money be spent on?**

The most specific answer that we have been given to this question from our governing entity is in the language of the sample ballot provided by ASI, which vaguely says:

"…for the construction, renovation, and expansion of the University Student Union…"

As the body of students who would foot the bill of this project, don't we deserve to know more before we are faced with the vote?

**How much money – in total – has been spent by ASI and the USU Board of Trustees on the It Starts with You campaign?**

To this question, the most specific answer that ASI has provided is that $20,000 of USU marketing funds (a budget which is only $20,700, according to ASI Communications Manager Lindsay San Miguel) has been spent on the campaign. This answer fails to include any funds that the ASI Communications Department has no doubt spent on this campaign (the ASI Communications Department houses San Miguel's office along with many of the materials that have been distributed to students encouraging a 'yes' vote on this issue).

**And while we're asking about campaign spending, what is the exact breakdown of how the money has been spent? After all, the funding essentially comes from our student fees, meaning that it is our money funding this campaign.**

To this question, we have been given no answer from ASI or the USU.

On Monday, we went to San Miguel with a question: "can you tell us exactly how much ASI and/or USU money has been spent on the 'It Starts with You' campaign?"

Sadly, she told us that no, she does not have that answer for us at this time. She sent us to speak with Sylvana Cicero, the USU assistant director of programs, with regards to our question.

When we asked, Cicero also told us that no, she doesn't have the numbers we have requested a couple of times at this point. Cicero then told us via email that it would take "some time" to gather this information.

Each student on campus pays for his or her education to some extent, and part of that cost includes the various fees presented to us for the USU, ASI, etc. – which comprise the pool of funding that have covered the cost of ASI's campaign.

Many on staff would vote yes on this fee increase, if we knew more about how the money has been spent, and would be spent. This article is not a reflection of our stance on the referendum itself; we merely want our student body to be as informed as possible before the vote arrives. We hope the university will postpone the vote until such time that our student government can inform us of the tangible impact that our votes would produce. After all, it does start with us.

**BEFORE WEDNESDAY, WHEN STUDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO VOTE ON A $165 INCREASE TO THE USU FEE—FOR WHICH WE CURRENTLY PAY $174— WE WOULD LIKE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ANSWERED:**

1. How much of our money has our student government spent (in total) on the It Starts with You campaign that has been ongoing since fall?

2. What is the specific break down of the finances that have been utilized by ASI and/or the USU Board of Trustees on their campaign?

3. How exactly would the intended $99 million in revenue raised by the fee increase be spent?

4. USU BOT Chair Vanessa Mendoza has said that only $13.5 million is needed to repair any current damage to the USU. Why isn't there an option on the ballot for students to vote for a fee increase that is smaller than $165, that raises only the $13.5 million? This may have been an option discussed in the original planning, but why was it dropped from the final plan?

5. If we are the students who fund the various entities of ASI and the USU, why didn't we get a voice in the conversation of how our student government would distribute its blatant endorsement of a fee increase that, at this point in time, lacks sufficient planning to utilize in a manner that we – the voters – deem sufficient?

6. Why has President Joseph Phillips been so uninvolved with this entire conversation? From emails sent to our student leader that have gone unanswered, to the invitation we sent Phillips for the USU Referendum Panel event hosted by the Daily 49er, his involvement with what may be the largest event the campus sees this year has been seemingly nonexistent.

DIVERSIONS

# Lens- ception

One CSULB student photographer highlights art appreciation by capturing raw moments in galleries.

BY AMANDA MERCADO
*Contributing Writer*

A petite woman walked through the Dennis W. Dutzi Gallery and all of a sudden came to a stop. Her brunette hair shifted to the side as she observed a photo of a couple looking at art.

"I like how the figures are interacting," Juliette Angulo, a 5th year photography major at California State University, Long Beach, said. "One of them is walking away, but it feels loving because they're holding hands.

The work was of McKenzie Stribich, a sixth-year photography major at CSULB. Her exhibit showcases a series of digital photography that aims to make viewers feel as if they are doing just that.

Stribich's exhibit, titled "Directed Gaze," features candid moments of people strolling through art galleries – much like the one in which her own work is showcased – looking at art.

"Art and voyeurism comes to mind," Cruz Valdez, a senior CSULB BFA photography student, said as he analyzed a photo of a young male slouching with a muddled expression on his face. "I like this photo because it illustrates a constructive image of how men view fine arts in this institution—they don't know how to interact with it."

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# Campus expresses ongoing frustration with parking

## Student dissatisfaction with parking availability and the citation appeals process surfaces.

BY GENE KUMAGAI
*Contributing Writer*




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*Those issued a parking ticket at CSULB can file appeals for citations they feel are "issued in error."*

Every academic year, about 1,500 parking citations are given out on campus per month, Director of Parking, Transportation and Support Services Ellie Christov said via email.

According to the university website, parking tickets can range from $40 for not having up-to-date registration stickers on license plates to $338 for obstructing disabled parking spaces. A person can receive multiple citations at once for applicable violations.

Students and visitors can file appeals for citations they feel are "issued in error," according to the university website.

"An example that would be considered 'issued in error' would include a situation where an individual has a valid permit displayed, [but] the permit was placed upside down on their dashboard, and its effective date could not be seen [or] read by the enforcement officer," Christov said.

Senior art major Irene Wang said that parking enforcement rejected her appeal on two parking tickets.

"My mom got two tickets after parking for fifteen minutes in the dorm parking lot in order to pick me up for a weekend visit home," senior art major Irene Wang said.

Wang said each ticket was worth $48, and they were given for a failure to display a valid permit and a lack of a residential parking.

Parking Operations is responsible for constructing parking structures, lots and spaces and keeping those facilities in good repair. The parking office also manages the campus shuttle system and U-Pass program, which provides California State University, Long Beach students with free use of the Long Beach Transit bussing system.

"The use of an active enforcement program allows us to ensure that parking is available for students," Christov said. "Without it, anyone would be able to utilize the campus parking facilities, which would severely limit the number of available parking spots on campus.

Parking enforcement does not receive state funding, so it needs to pay for everything using revenues from citations and permits. The department is an entirely self-sustaining university program.

Some students have said they feel that enforcement fails when it comes to providing them with a sufficient number of spaces.

"I need to arrive a good 90 minutes early for my 11 a.m. class," senior art major Aim Pattarachanyakul said. "The biggest problem is people tend to not be very polite [about parking] during those times."

Senior environmental science major Estevan Pantoja said that a lack of available parking spaces could have interfered with his academic success.

"My professor nearly kicked me out of his class when I didn't show up to the first day of class because I was trying to find a parking space," Pantoja said. "He told me 'you better not show up late again, or I will drop you,' so I started showing up two hours early for the rest of that semester."

Some students said that at $123 per semester, parking permits are too expensive, considering that permits don't guarantee a parking space.

"The campus recognizes the demand for parking, and we continue to actively encourage sustainable transportation initiatives to help alleviate this demand," Christov said. "In addition, we are currently exploring the feasibility of expanding the on-campus shuttle system into the residential areas surrounding campus…"

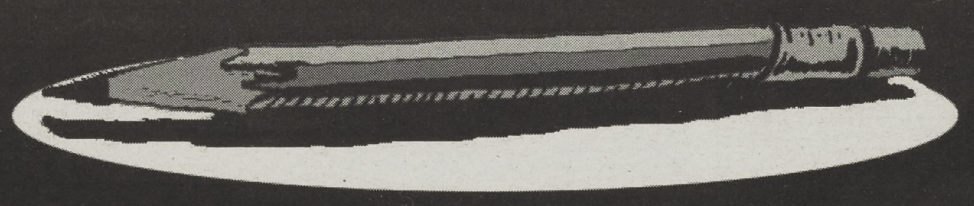
Christov said that this would aim to discourage students living nearby from bringing their cars to campus.




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# City Council reviews noise ordinance

## A noise ordinance study session brought up questions about international flights at the Long Beach Airport.

By Madison Moore
*Constributing Writer*

After conducting a two-hour study session on the Long Beach Airport Noise Compatibility Ordinance on Feb. 17, Long Beach City Council expressed concerns about modifying the guidelines of the 20-year-old policy.

According to the official website of the Long Beach website, the ordinance originally aimed to create a balance between air commerce and noise exposure.

Under the ordinance, 41 commercial flights and 25 commuter flights are allowed per day. Potential expansion of the Long Beach Airport to accommodate international flights could possibly threaten the noise ordinance, according to Councilman Al Austin who called for the study session.

"I have a number of questions and concerns about the impact such a facility would have on the quality of life in the neighborhoods," Austin said. "These impacts must be fully and publicly vetted before taking any action."

JetBlue Airways Corp., one of Long Beach Airport's primary airlines since 2001, made a formal request to the Long Beach Airport on Monday in a letter delivered by JetBlue Senior Vice President for Government Affairs Robert Land.

"Following the City Council Study Session held recently on the Airport Noise Ordinance… JetBlue requests the city seek the presence of U.S. Customs for purposes of processing aircraft under the Customs User Fee Airport program," Land stated in the letter.

City Council sets policy for the airport. Council members said they do not intend to revise the noise ordinance anytime soon, according to Bryant Francis, the new Long Beach Airport director.

"There is no plan or consideration concerning any change to the noise ordinance whatsoever," Francis said. "The decision of whether to develop a Federal Inspection Service facility [for international flights] at the Long Beach Airport would be made by the City Council."

Assistant City Attorney Michael Mais, who conducted the noise ordinance lesson, said no matter where flights travel, the noise ordinance prevails. "Wherever JetBlue chooses to fly, they are still limited to the 41 flights slots we have to allocate, and the current established curfew hours for flights," Mais said.

Mayor Robert Garcia reassured Long Beach residents that the noise ordinance is a high priority for the City Council. "I am committed to ensuring a thorough and transparent process to evaluate any proposed new facilities at the airport," Garcia said. "The economic viability of our airport is important, but protecting our noise ordinance is a paramount concern."

Land stated in the letter that JetBlue has been a "model corporate citizen" and a strong supporter of the Noise Ordinance since the Long Beach Airport's first flight about 14 years ago.

# Campus Voice

## What are your thoughts on the newly designed CSULB website?



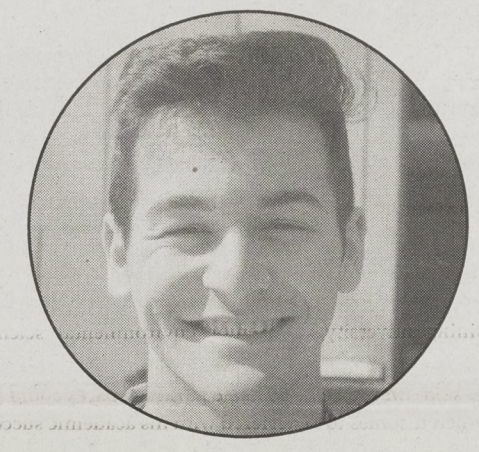
*"I think it is horrible because it misrepresents what we are doing as an institution. There are no books on the website, but there is beer, which makes me wonder if I am supposed to be bringing a six pack to the classes I teach."*

–Kathryn Chew, comparative world literature and classics professor



*"I don't have a big problem with it. I think it looks modern and I see a lot of movement and color and I still see that you can find the same links that I use to find before."*

–Dr. Sophia Pandya, associate professor in the department of religious studies



*"I liked it I thought it was seamless. It's kind of weird there is like a half-naked guy when you first like go on it dancing around. I mean it's very seem-less though. I just wish it looked more professional I guess."*

–Eric Herschler, junior, liberal studies major



*"I think other people that don't know CSULB will go on our website and be all like 'this is such a nice school.' Because the website represents our school for people who don't know about it."*

– Tiffany Sosa, freshman, political science major

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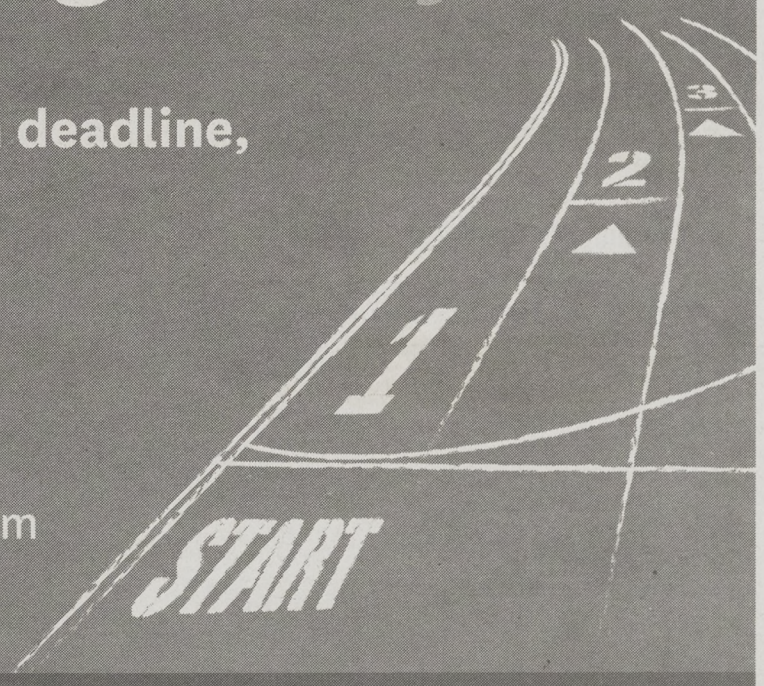
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# *On immigration, Obama has the law and Reagan on his side*

HUNTER PAUL
*Contributing Writer*

Last Monday, I was furiously pecking away on the keyboard at a law firm where I work as a paralegal, hoping to prepare all the evidence and finish a petition on time for an immigration case — that is, until a federal judge ruined everything.

The case involved a client who had been in the U.S. since the age of 14. He had lived here for over 20 years, attended middle and high school here, and suffered through all the same awkward teenage rites of passage as any other American.

If approved, the petition would have provided him with relief through Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which equates to a promise by the federal government not to deport an individual for a certain period of time.

But right as I was about to finish, the managing attorney turned towards me, and said, "Alright Hunter, you can stop now." Confused, I asked why, to which he responded: "Some judge in Texas just killed the new program."

By issuing a preliminary injunction just two days before the expanded DACA program was set to go into effect, Judge Andrew Hanen buried President Obama's new immigration policy in the legal system on procedural grounds.

Judge Hanen effectively destroyed the hopes of millions of undocumented aliens and turned himself into a hero among conservatives.

"I think the law is on our side and history is on our side, and we are going to appeal it," Obama told reporters at the White House last Tuesday in response to the ruling.

Meanwhile, the GOP leadership is running victory laps and touting this ruling as a vindication of its ridiculous assertions that Obama's DACA program is an unconstitutional use of his executive authority.

But they are wrong.

Obama has the law, along with Reagan and George H. W. Bush, on his side.

It is my hope — and more importantly, the hope of millions of hard-working undocumented aliens — that Obama's expanded DACA program will come to fruition.

Republican leaders can writhe around all they want, referring to the president as "Emperor Obama," as Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-Ohio) did in a 28-second video message he posted on Youtube in November, but the legality of Obama's actions is firmly established in case law.

The Supreme Court stated in 2012 in Arizona v. United States that, "A principal feature of the removal system is the broad discretion exercised by immigration officials. … Federal officials, as an initial matter, must decide whether it makes sense to pursue removal at all."

> *Whether conservative or liberal, the value of human life is the same.*

President Obama, the highest federal official, gets first dibs on all deportation decisions.

Moreover, former President Ronald Reagan — you know, that radical pot-smoking, tree-hugging, latte-sipping, liberal — made the same types of immigration reforms that have Republicans up in arms now.

Not only did Reagan oversee a 1986 congressional law that gave legal status to up to 3 million immigrants who lacked authorization to be in the country, he took unilateral, executive actions to shield immigrant children from deportation once Congress failed to fix the defunct elements of the law, according to the Washington Post.

Three years later, former President George H.W. Bush granted similar relief. He shielded approximately 1.5 million family members "living with a legalizing immigrant who were in the U.S. before passage of the 1986 law," according to the Washington Post this year.

Fortunately, the original DACA program is still in place. It protects individuals who came here illegally before the age of 16 from removal for a period of two years provided they meet certain criteria.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website states that, "The court's temporary injunction, issued Feb. 16, does not affect the existing DACA."

"Individuals may continue to come forward and request an initial grant of DACA or renewal of DACA under the guidelines established in 2012," according to USCIS.

Though it's fortunate that the original DACA program will remain in effect for now, Judge Hanen's ruling will have disastrous and far-reaching consequences, placing millions of undocumented aliens in legal peril.

Millions of individuals were expecting immigration relief, only to have their prospects of gaining protection from deportation ripped away.

Deferred deportations do not grant pathways to citizenship; they merely allow individuals to stay in the country without facing removal proceedings. Clearly, this type of executive action is only a Band-Aid on the gaping wound that is America's immigration status quo.

However, with such a narrow-minded and juvenile Congress, unilateral steps on immigration are increasingly looking more and more like the only item in the presidential toolbox. Obama would be wise to continue using it.

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# A hidden agenda

MICHAEL MENDOZA
*Contributing Writer*

California's capital interest in the prison system is growing at the expense of higher education. The state is bankrolling the prison industry and packing the wrong institutions to the brim.

Even though public schools are pleading for more funding, the state continues to hold more money back, and students have to pay the price in the end. As a result, the financial burden for students increases every year through tuition and fees.

The National Association of State Budget Officers said that from 2011-2014, at four-year public institutions, tuition rose 7.4 percent. The quick rise in tuition comes from the lack of money received by schools from the state's general fund, the primary source of funding for state universities.

"It's just keeping the rich, rich and the poor, poor," Victoria Gurrola, a freshman criminal Justice major at California State University, Long Beach, said. "Because how are the poor people ever going to get out of poverty if they can't afford it. You're not making it flexible."

The state used 58.2 percent of the general fund for education in 1995, while in 2013, education's portion of the general fund plummeted to 37.2 percent, according to the state's expenditure report.

Meanwhile, the prison system receives 88.9 percent of its funding from the general fund.

"Give that money to students, like young people who haven't reverted to crime yet, who want to be better, who want to be a part of society and actually do something meaningful," said Gurrola.

> *"It's just keeping the rich, rich and the poor, poor."*

The state policy makers decide how the general fund is divided up among the state's public needs. Programs that allegedly require the most support receive the most funding.

Most people would say that education is a primary public need, but the state seems as if it couldn't care less if we graduate.

" . . . In the state of California or any state, when you see this paradox between incarceration, education and the effectiveness of either being more advantageous to the state, . . . what you're going to find at the core of that is money and political will," Dr. Tracy Tolbert, a criminology and criminal justice professor at CSULB, said. " . . . Even as we move into what should be considered a more enlightened age . . . there's no political will."

It is now clear that the difficulties of affording college are a result of these kinds of astonishing fund allocations.

In the 21st century, the prison industrial complex has become a cash cow for investors. As the industry has increased in value, the education system is left neglected.

"State budgets are developed and distributed by politicians, and it depends on who's in power." Dr. Tolbert said. If the party is more interested in incarceration, then that is where the money will go.

The California Budget Project states that in California, K-12 schools rank 51st in the number of students per teacher, as well as 51st in the student-guidance counselor ratio.

This drop in funding greatly affects children living in the low-income neighborhoods where the K-12 schools are suffering the most. Public schools with little to no resources increase the chances that a child will drop out of school and turn to a life of crime.

As CSULB students we are part of an institution of higher learning and are obligated to be more aware of our state policy makers' activities.

Voting is the first step to get your voice out, but only by working together as a whole will we garner the attention this issue deserves.

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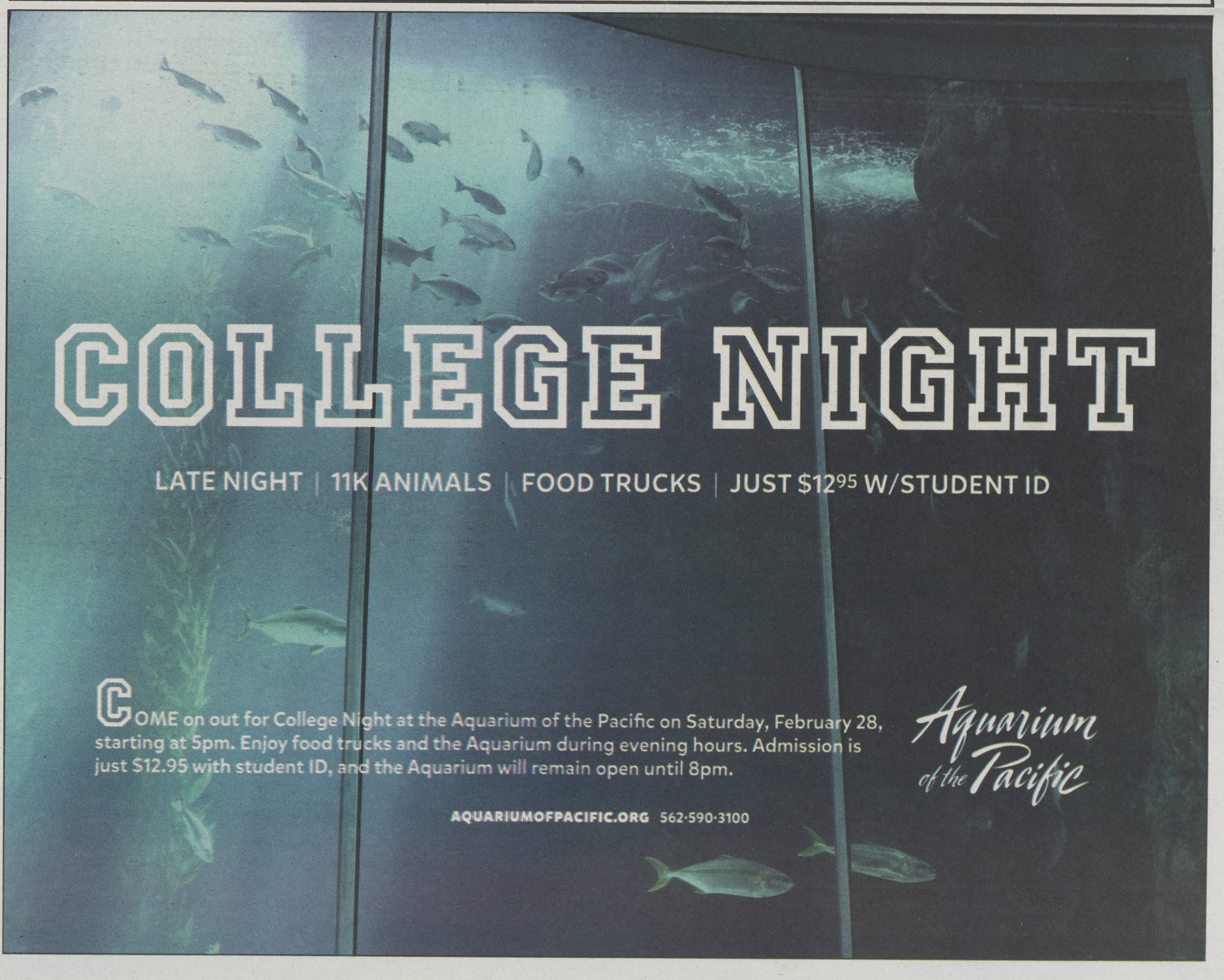
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*Photography major McKenzie Stribich stands next to her photographs in the Dennis W. Dutzi Gallery on Monday. Stribich's exhibit, titled "Directed Gaze," consists of photos taken over a series of months at different museums.*

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## PHOTOS

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With her subjects' backs turned toward the camera, the back of their heads become the focal point of the photo. Some photos take it a step farther, featuring people who are looking at a painting of a person; meanwhile, the person in the painting appears to be looking straight at the camera.

Stribich called this effect, "a sort of triangulation."

Although she actually took these photos about two years ago, she decided she wanted to use them for her BFA Senior Solo Show because she felt like, "they needed to be shown."

"They speak a lot to how we see art, how we look at art," she said. "The wider audience hadn't really seen them—just photo majors and photo professors."

The photos were taken over a series of months at different museums including The Getty, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Museum of Contemporary Art and Museum of Latin American Art.

Stribich wields a Canon EOS 5 D Mark II, working with a digital medium dependent upon high quality shots.

However, capturing these shots was not always easy for Stribich who has endured a lifetime of cerebral palsy. She uses forearm crutches to walk and has done so since she first learned at three years old.

Having a movement-debilitating disorder has posed challenges for Stribich's photography, especially when it comes to carrying large pieces or camera equipment.

"For my art, it's challenging because I often have to find others to assist me in carrying things," Stribich said. "I couldn't carry any of the pieces in my show myself; I had to have lots of help."

When she's out taking photos, even her camera bag that she slings over her shoulder gets heavy after awhile.

"It's worth it though, " she said.

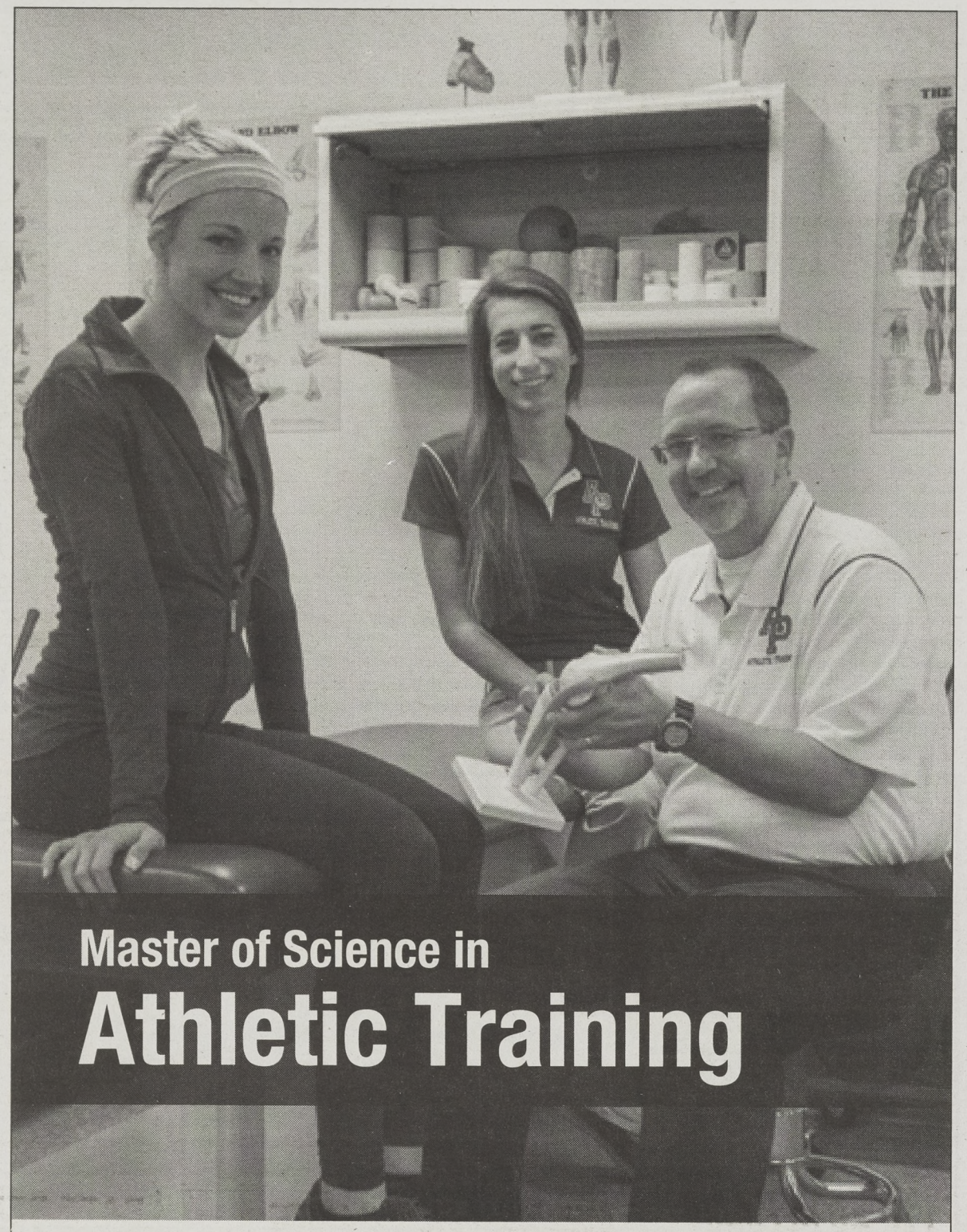
Despite the difficulties, Stribich said that she has never let cerebral palsy stop her from pursuing being an artist.

"[Viewing art] is discussed somewhat, but it's mostly theories and there's rarely art about that," Krista Feld, Twenty-five-year-old CSULB BFA alumna, said. "These are really pertinent moments that are really beautifully captured."

Feld called Stribich's exhibit "riveting" and said she was glad she paid a visit.

"I dressed up as an artist for career day in kindergarten," Stribich said. "It's kind of been my whole life."

Stribich's BFA Senior Solo Show will be on display until Thursdays at 5 p.m.




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Baseball

# L.A. bound

## The Dirtbags play their first road game at Jackie Robinson stadium against UCLA.

By Eddie Rivera
*Contributing Writer*

The Long Beach State baseball team hits the road for the first time this year when it makes the short drive to No. 4 UCLA Tuesday night at Jackie Robinson stadium.

The Dirtbags (5-2) completed 2-1 series win against Utah Valley, but gave up eight runs in the series finale. Sophomore shortstop Garrett Hampson said it was an uncharacteristic game for the team.

"We just need to get back to us really," Hampson said. "[We need to] pitch, play defense and we got to work on offense."

The Dirtbags and the Bruins (6-1) split a four-game series last year. LBSU holds a 42-61 all-time record against UCLA, and Bruins head coach John Savage boast a 12-11 all-time record against the Dirtbags.

The Bruins are coming off a series win over No.17 North Carolina. The Bruins scored 26 total runs in the three-game series against the Tar Heels and are averaging 7.6 runs per game this season.

The Bruins are just two years removed from winning the national championship in 2013, and Dirtbags head coach Troy Buckley said they will be a good barometer for LBSU.

"[It's a challenge] to play on the national level and see where you really stand," Buckley said.

The Dirtbags have been strong on the mound all season. Senior right-hander Kyle Friedrichs earned Big West Pitcher of the Week, the first weekly honor of his career, according to LBSU Athletics. So far the Dirtbags have limited their opponents to a 2.53 ERA average and .188 batting average.

Hampson and junior outfielder Zack Rivera have been leading the Dirtbags' offense. Hampson has a team-leading nine runs and is a perfect six for six in stolen bases. Rivera leads the team in hits (10) and RBI (7).

"We're just all trying to put in some good effort, some good at-bats and just get some runs on the board," Rivera said. "We just try to do what we can to help the team."

The Bruins are led by junior outfielder Ty Moore, who has been UCLA's top hitter. Moore leads the Bruins in batting average (.548), hits (17) and runs (14). Sophomore infielder Luke Persico leads the team in RBI with 11 and also has 2 homers with a .636 slugging percentage.

The Bruins have two second-team preseason All-American pitchers in, senior right-hander David Berg and junior right-hander James Kaprielian. Kaprielian led the Pac-12 with 108 strikeouts last season. Berg owns the NCAA single-season record for saves with 24, set in 2013.

"They're a good team," Hampson said. "They're always going to pitch and they're always going to play defense. We are going to have to grind it out."

The Dirtbags take on the Bruins Tuesday night at 6 p.m. in Los Angeles.



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*After losing 8-3 to Utah Valley on Sunday, the Dirtbags (5-2) will travel to UCLA in a matchup against the Bruins (6-1) on Tuesday.*

# Steady Steele

## New LBSU pitching coach Mike Steele is focused on developing players with integrity.

By Michael Mendoza
*Contributing Writer*

One-by-one Mike Steele sizes up his pitchers. He knows their pitching repertoires and routines, and his job s to help them make the necessary adjustments to improve both as pitchers and people.

"He tells us from day one exactly who we are as a pitcher," senior right-hander Kyle Friedrichs said. "We're confident, we have a lot of trust in him, he calls a lot of pitches for us and he knows what to do. He sees a lot of stuff we don't see."

Long Beach State's new pitching coach believes developing pitchers' character is just as important as developing talent.

"We're growing boys into men," Steele said. "The pillars that we work off of, when you do that, is how in control they are of the things they can control: their attitude, their concentration and their effort."

Helping these athletes make the transition from boyhood to manhood is part of the foundation of the Dirtbag program.

"That's the one thing that we hit them with all the time," Steele said. "Whether I'm working with a high school guy, a professional guy or a college guy. We're all about maturity."

Prior to coaching at LBSU, Steele was an assistant coach at Michigan State University. After working their time with the Spartans, Dirtbags' head coach Troy Buckley and Steele coached together for the Pittsburgh Pirates.



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*LBSU picher Tanner Brown went six innings against Utah Valley on Saturday at Blair Field. Brown allowed one run on six hits and struck out six batters.*

The previous job with the Pirates allowed Steele and Buckley to develop a close relationship in which they shared the same baseball ideology.

"I always told myself [if I went back to college], I wanted to go work for somebody that I shared similar values and similar philosophy with," Steele said. "Also, I wanted to go to a place that was going to present a family environment where we're at."

Despite having a resume that includes professional and Division I college coaching experience, the most difficult part of getting Steele on board was making sure it was the right decision for his family.

"He's a devoted family guy," Buckley said. "He's got three young kids. They live in Houston and we know the cost of living here is expensive."

One of the challenges for Steele will be adjusting to the baseball collegiate system, but Buckley would not have hired him if he knew he would not be up to the task.

"The learning curve for him is just doing the college life," Buckley said. "The recruiting, the paperwork, the NCAA. The college game is different from the pro game; you micromanage it more."

It's no secret college players want to make it to the MLB level. However, Steele said it is not his concern or responsibility to prepare pitchers for the next level. His job is to win at LBSU.

"Number one, that's not my goal and really at the end of the day, that's not my job," Steele said. "My job is to get these kids to buy into something bigger than themselves and give their best effort every time out."

LBSU is betting on Buckley and Steele's philosophy in hopes of turning this season into a championship endeavor.

"When you put them into that sort of framework with the baseball knowledge that the coaching staff has and then the tradition that comes along, that's how you start brewing a good melting pot so that guys can start forming themselves," Steele said.

## Big West Standings

### Men's Basketball

| | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. | Home | Away | Neutral | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| UC Davis | 11 | 1 | .917 | 21 | 4 | .840 | 12-0 | 9-4 | 0-0 | |
| UC Irvine | 9 | 3 | .750 | 16 | 10 | .615 | 9-3 | 5-7 | 2-0 | |
| UC Santa Barbara | 7 | 5 | .583 | 14 | 12 | .538 | 9-2 | 3-9 | 2-1 | |
| Long Beach State | 7 | 5 | .583 | 13 | 15 | .464 | 8-2 | 3-12 | 2-1 | |
| UC Riverside | 7 | 6 | .538 | 14 | 13 | .519 | 12-2 | 2-11 | 0-0 | |
| Hawaii | 6 | 7 | .462 | 18 | 11 | .621 | 13-4 | 3-5 | 2-2 | |
| Cal Poly | 6 | 7 | .462 | 13 | 12 | .520 | 7-2 | 5-9 | 1-1 | |
| CSUN | 2 | 11 | .154 | 7 | 22 | .241 | 5-9 | 1-13 | 1-0 | |
| Cal State Fullerton | 1 | 11 | .083 | 9 | 18 | .333 | 6-7 | 1-11 | 2-0 | |

### Women's Basketball

| W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. | Home | Away | Neutral | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hawaii | 11 | 2 | .846 | 19 | 7 | .731 | 12-4 | 7-3 | 0-0 | |
| UC Davis | 8 | 4 | .667 | 13 | 11 | .542 | 8-4 | 4-6 | 1-1 | |
| CSUN | 8 | 5 | .615 | 18 | 9 | .667 | 11-2 | 7-6 | 0-1 | |
| Cal Poly | 8 | 5 | .615 | 13 | 12 | .520 | 8-5 | 5-7 | 0-0 | |
| Long Beach State | 7 | 5 | .583 | 20 | 6 | .769 | 11-3 | 8-3 | 1-0 | |
| UC Riverside | 7 | 6 | .538 | 16 | 11 | .593 | 10-2 | 4-9 | 2-0 | |
| Cal State Fullerton | 4 | 8 | .333 | 10 | 15 | .400 | 5-6 | 5-8 | 0-1 | |
| UC Irvine | 2 | 10 | .167 | 5 | 22 | .185 | 2-8 | 2-11 | 1-3 | |
| UC Santa Barbara | 1 | 11 | .083 | 1 | 24 | .040 | 1-12 | 0-12 | 0-0 | |